

ALPINE PEOPLE TELL OF FIRING

Witness Says He Saw Man
Fire at a Man and
Woman.

San Angelo, Texas, Jan. 27.—Mrs. Patrick Murphy, of Alpine, was the first witness for the state at the Spann murder trial today. She testified she heard shots fired and saw an automobile run into a fence.

"I heard some more shooting, but heard no voices," she said.

Mrs. Murphy testified that a man staggered from the car and exclaimed: "Oh, my God!" and then stumbled back to the car. She said she then heard more shooting.

The witness said she saw a soldier walk up to the car and then neighbors gathered, among them being R. N. Pittman, who carried a lamp.

Mrs. Murphy, on cross examination, said she went into the Pittman house, where Mrs. Pittman was ill and that the sick woman was not on the sleeping porch, as Pittman testified Friday.

She said she felt sure, too, that Pittman did not leave the yard while the shooting was going on. She added:

"When I asked Mrs. Pittman why she came to be in a room instead of on the porch, she explained she was afraid of bullets when the shooting began and asked her husband to carry her into the house."

Pat Murphy corroborated his wife's testimony and said he heard a man scream, "My God! what have I done?"

Sheriff Testifies.

Allen Walton, sheriff, testified that Butler's reputation as regards attention to women was good.

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Globe, Ariz., Jan. 27.—The Southern Pacific company is preparing to exploit the Tonto basin region for tourist travel. A great hotel will be built on Lake Roosevelt and a mountain lodge at the mouth of Devil's canyon on the eastern slopes of the Sierra Ancha chain, above the Cherry creek valley.

A late trip of discovery and trail blazing was done by I. T. Sparks, one of the company's traffic men, and Wesley Hill, of the Apache Trail stage system. They found several groups of unexplored cliff dwellings. One was entered by way of a narrow ledge on a cliff side, then through a rock crevice and then up a smooth pole, the same that had been used for the purpose by the ancient residents. Above was found a communal house of 20 rooms, together with many curiosities that apparently had been unaffected by the passage of centuries. The largest groups were those around the walls of the public canyon, just below a marvelous waterfall. Devil's canyon, in places, is a narrow chasm only a few yards across, yet 1000 feet deep. Also explored several deep and interesting caverns.

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BOY SCOUTS TO HAVE BIG RALLY

Next Friday They Will Give
Exhibition at the Alta
Vista School.

Next Friday evening, February 2, 1917, all Boy Scout troops of the El Paso district will assemble at the auditorium of the Alta Vista school, corner of Montana and Grama, for a rally and inspection.

This will be a big get-acquainted meeting. Every scout is wanted at the meeting. Every member of the scouts is expected to be present. Each scout and scout officer is expected to bring his parents or some other person to get acquainted with the work.

Scout masters will make arrangements to meet with their troops at some convenient place and march to the school so as to arrive a few minutes before 7:30. On the minute of 7:30 "Assembly" will be sounded on the bugle and each troop will be formed in double rank, the senior patrol on the right, each patrol having four in front rank and four in rear rank, patrol leader number four in front rank and his assistant number four in rear rank, senior patrol leader on right flank of troop, scout master three paces in front and center, assistant scout master two paces in rear of troop and on the flanks.

Inspection will be made and presentation of certificates and badges to registered scouts, by members of scout council, will be followed by the presentation of the new scout executive, G. Thomas, recently of Detroit, Mich.

Each troop will be given five minutes for a troop stunt.

Inspection will be followed by contests between scout troops in a horse and rider tourney and a crab race. Each troop will have a chance to win.

Talks on scouting will be made by some of the Boy Scouts and yells and cheers will be given.

SENATE PASSES LEGISLATIVE BILL; GOES BACK TO HOUSE

Washington, D. C., Jan. 27.—An attempt to have stricken out of the legislative, executive and judicial bill a provision making all postmaster appointments and placing them on the civil service list, will be made in conference, according to several senators today.

This provision of the bill which passed the senate Friday is objected to on the ground that it is not germane to the measure.

Other provisions of the bill, which now goes back to the house for approval would increase government clerks' salaries and prohibit bureau of education employees from receiving pay from private educational institutions. The measure carries \$49,000,000, an increase of \$1,000,000 over the bill as it passed the house.

PIONEER J. P. MESON DIES SUDDENLY; HERE 25 YEARS

J. P. Meson, 70 years of age, Confederate veteran and pioneer resident of El Paso, died suddenly Friday evening at his home, 1211 White Oaks street, of an attack of heart disease. Deceased came to El Paso about 25 years ago and since that time was with the customs service, and as a city manager, city officer and park commissioner. He was a member of the John Brown camp of Confederate veterans, local Pioneer's association, and Woodmen of the World.

Mr. Meson is survived by his widow and eight children residing in El Paso, and a daughter, Miss Anne Meson, of New Orleans, La. A sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Kemp, also resides in New Orleans. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

C. G. HATHAWAY KILLED NEAR CLOUDCROFT; BURIAL HERE

Lee Newman returned Thursday afternoon from Alamogordo, where he went to bring back the body of C. G. Hathaway, who was killed Thursday morning while at work on the El Paso & Southwestern railway near Cloudcroft, N. M. The deceased leaves a wife and three children, Inez Hathaway, Clinton Hathaway and Robert E. Lee Hathaway, all of El Paso. Mrs. Hathaway is the sister of Lee Newman. The interment was in Concordia cemetery, Saturday at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Hathaway was 37 years of age. He was a brakeman on a logging train near Cloudcroft.

HARRY E. MAYBAUGH.

Harry E. Maybaugh, a former El Pasoan, was killed in the railroad yards at Detroit, Mich., Jan. 26, according to news received in El Paso Friday. Maybaugh is said to be survived by a widow residing in El Paso county. Both his legs were severed by a train which struck Maybaugh, according to the report.

PRIVATE WILLIAM HACKETT.

The body of Pvt. William Hackett, aged 31 years, of company I, Third Ohio infantry, who died in the same hospital of pneumonia Friday morning, was shipped to the home of the deceased in Decatur, Ill., Saturday at noon. His body was taken to the union station by his company.

JAMES H. COLLARD.

Funeral services for James H. Collard, aged 36 years, who died at this residence, 1205 Cumberland street, Friday afternoon, were held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Burial was made in Concordia cemetery.

MAJ. G. C. WIMBERLY.

Tornillo camp No. 42, Woodmen of the World, will conduct the funeral of its late sovereign, Maj. G. C. Wimberly, at the new Odd Fellows temple Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

IN MEMORIAM

(Notice under this heading accepted for publication at the reading notice rate.)

Attention, W. O. W.

Funeral services for our late sovereign, G. C. Wimberly, will be held in our hall, New Odd Fellows' building, Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

All Woodmen Circle members are invited to attend these services.

We also extend an invitation to all friends and acquaintances of our late sovereign, J. C. Wimberly.

C. G. Kiefer, Clerk.

W. S. Barnes, Con. Com.

EIGHT PERSONS IN SAME FORD FROM DALLAS; HELD